

Our investigation also found that you hold animals under conditions that are inadequate to prevent animals bearing potentially harmful drug residues from

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entering the food supply. For example, you do not maintain medication records to avoid unsafe residues. You also lack an adequate system for assuring that drugs are not used in a manner contrary to the labeled directions and for assuring that animals medicated by you have been withheld from slaughter for appropriate periods of time to permit depletion of potentially hazardous residues of drugs from edible tissues. Foods from animals held under such conditions are adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4) of the Act.

The above is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of violations. As a producer of animals offered for use as food, you are responsible for ensuring that your operations and the foods you distribute are in compliance with the law.

You should take prompt action to correct the above violations and to establish procedures whereby such violations do not occur. Failure to do so may result in regulatory action (such as seizure or injunction) without further notice to you.

It is not necessary for you to personally ship an adulterated animal in interstate commerce to be held responsible for a violation of the Act. The fact that you offered an animal for sale to a slaughterhouse that ships in interstate commerce is sufficient to hold you responsible for a violation of the Act.

You should notify this office in writing within 15 working days of receipt of this letter of the steps you have taken to bring your dairy operation into compliance with the law. Your response should include each step that has been taken or will be taken to correct the violations and prevent their recurrence. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time frame within which the corrections will be completed. Please include copies of any available documentation that corrections have been made.

Your reply should be directed to Compliance Officer Brian D. Garthwaite, Ph.D. at the address indicated on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. Charles Becoat", written in a cursive style.

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